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TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS

REF: USNATO 06777

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2. WE WILL PROVIDE LOCAL FRG, UK AND FRENCH REPS WITH COPIES FOR TRANSMISSION TO CAPITALS, OF A PROPOSED APPROACH TO ACHIEVE ACCELERATED INTER-  
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--MAINTAIN HIGH LEVEL VISIBILITY OF INTERVENTION BY

SECDEF AT SPRING SPC MINISTERIAL

--DISCUSS THE DRAFT APPROACH THAT WE WILL PROVIDE

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